

Monroe County LEICC Meeting Notes
January 26, 2011

Attendees: Tracey Taylor, Chris Hilton, Wanda Hawthorne, Lisa Pedersen, Sharon Shafrir, Beth Warner, Vicki Fallaco, Desere Lester, Jill Del Vecchio, Deb Tetlow, Marjorie Dobra, Liz Baltus-Hebert, Barb Gorski, Beth Grier-Leva, Mariellen Cupini, Elizabeth Miller, Susan Searls, Marilyn Curley, Mike Dedee, Gary Blatto-Vallee, Jennifer Blatto-Valle

Scribe: Judy Warner, Monroe County Health Department – Meeting started at 10:10 am

Chris – Welcome to the first meeting for the new officers (Tracey Taylor & Marjorie Dobra)

Tracey - Introductions

Approval of October 2010 minutes: any changes - Voted to approve

Barbara G. – NYEIS system – lots of problems with website – start date on hold but expected to start Feb 28th – provider training will be sometime in early Feb.

Supervisors met to discuss process changes. Susan Wolfer one of the Service Coordinators will be retiring on Feb 11th – all are welcome to an after hours get together @ the Distillery on Winton Rd on 2/11 around 4:30-5:00pm

Deb T. – Health & Safety Standards

Epi pen on training – how to roll out and then train providers

IPRO – annual Medicaid statement – independents need new process (Deb will do)

Barbara G – Billing guidance – new one coming out. Mike will talk about it.

Chris question – Any additional information on MCCC on how many children it affects? (13)

Answer – Mike – a lot on unknowns at this time – he asked people to wait regarding contracts, NYEIS, etc. but he knows it is hard to do. This could have mass exodus of providers throughout the state but providers need to wait and give themselves time and to see what happens.

Mike D. – Mike provided EICC and RAP updates. He also commented on State budget issues, mandates and more. He indicated that Maggie Brooks on 2 task forces – Medicaid Reform & Mandate Relief Task Force. She has met with the Mandate Relief task force and identified 9 mandates that take up our County budget – 2 of the 9 are under Ann Marie Stephan (EI & PSE). The group asked for feedback on two areas. If you could make a change to the system / mandates....

1. What would be the immediate change?
2. What would be a longer term one?

Question asked – Any talk of fees for service model? Includes 1) evaluations, 2) service delivery, 3) service coordination.

Answer – Mike – Yes. We have been looking at what are other States are doing, NYS trend data and several possible options.

Mike D – (Updates for Ann Marie) – NYEIS about 18 counties on-board – 11 coming on-board – having mixed reviews/concerns about it. Many like it and have been doing okay. Some glitches exist that still need to be addressed. System does have ability to double check info with a checks and balances within the system. It was also have reporting and billing ability.

Question – Will providers be able to do “data uploads”?

Answer – Mike – That might be a future fix – not an immediate one – on other end, we are looking at NYEIS talking to “our” financial system.

Question - Will we be able to get data out of NYEIS?

Answer – Mike – Yes it will give us “10 fold” information for reports

- State – sent out an RFP for clinical practice guidelines. Will ask for volunteers to look at practice right now.
- RAP (Reimbursement Advisory Panel) – SC billable vs. non-billable – looks like a flat rate right now.
- RAP looking at checklists for activities/rates
- Service Coordination/Evaluations/Transition – vote will be postponed until May (April meeting cancelled). Hopefully by end of 2011 rate will be in effect. No time frame for Service Delivery

Tracey – Recommitment paperwork - Tracey passed around the list to make corrections to your address, and phone number. Also please complete the recommitment paperwork and give to her today or send it back to her.

Chris – Question - Any changes in budget for EI? Will RAP cover any of that?

Answer – Mike – If cuts needed across the board – discussion of how it will impact programs/Medicaid (Discussion took place with more questions and answers regarding rate changes)

Work Group Updates

Parent Involvement Group - Jill DelVecchio

- Met in November (Deb, Chris, Jill and 1 parent) on how to improve the County website
 - Parent friendly
 - More information/resources
 - Electronic documents
 - Family consideration – look @ next meeting
- Parents provide general information
- Next meeting – 2/9 from 8:00 – 9:30am @ Panera Bread
- They have 25 parents on e-mail list – suggestion made to send to On-going service coordinators to see if other parents are interested

Quality Improvement – Mary Ellen Cupini

- They are meeting on a regular basis, had a meeting on 1/24
- Looking at hiring a consultant to devise a tool for quality improvement to get a plan on covering all aspects of EI
- Need to look at next meeting – not sure when that will be

Data Collection Committee – Liz Baltus Hebert

- Have not met yet – next meeting date will hopefully be after the next PIP meeting

Transition Committee – Barbara Gorski

- Have not met yet
- Notification form now 2 forms and needs to be in to the school district 120 days before child transitions. Service Coordinators to send to CPSE chairs to look at.
- EI transition report also being sent to CPSE chairs now

Recruitment and Retention – Chris Hilton

- Need to see who is re-committing to the committee
- Membership recommitment document – the intent is to pull/help Ann Marie and Tracey to have participants with LEICC and as committees get up and running, more work of the LLEICC needs to be done in committees. More discussion on how different committees can work together and do more work outside the LEICC meeting and then report back at the LEICC meeting.
- All committees – Please send your committee meeting dates to Tracey and Ann Marie
- Send out a request to colleges to do internships @ PIP meeting and see if others are interested (Suggested by MaryEllen Cupini)

Mike said he would be interested in the percent of interns that get hired by agency? Are there any incentives to work for agency? (He gave an example of what they did in California when he worked there)

3-5 Group – Vicki Follaco

- Meet on a monthly basis with 8-10 participants
- Discussed Medicaid issues
- Review team looking at updated Autism guidelines – who will be on approval committee
- Changes for 2011 – IAP direct guidelines
- Group will meet every other month in future
- Looking at parents to participate

Conference Planning Committee – Barbara Gorski

- They are looking at a consultant that would be funded through Early Head Start
- Formed a consultant group
- Tentative plan to have a 2-day conference Sept 16th & 17th possible a Friday (for stakeholders) and Saturday (providers) – this would be free possible using AARA funding. Location might be MCC or a hotel with breakout rooms
- How to offer intergraded group – including groups for children already in EI
- How to partner together to benefit child
- Will survey – to those with SNC and toddlers – might use SurveyMonkey

Public Awareness Committee – Sharon Shafrir

- They had the Legislation breakfast
- Boucher was made
- Marketing platform aimed at Legislators
- 2011 – will look at what has been accomplished and create a short-term long term list
- Would like to make materials available in other languages
- Looking for more funds
- Public awareness

Tracey – Please break out into committees – (5 minutes) to establish goals for next year. Ann Marie needs to report on what LEICC is doing and what committees are doing. Write a list of goals.

Committee Lists:

Q/I Set goals for 2011

- Capacity of providers – work with recruitment/retention
- Define the role of the committee and decide QI and QA for the same
- Who we are seeking for the consultant – what qualifications – RFP developed for that role and outcome
- How this committee will report back and communicate with LEICC

Public Awareness goals for 2011

- Create a comprehensive strategy – identifying all target audiences and establishing means – schedule to address these
- (with parent involvement) make information available in Spanish
- “Piggy Back” on the Legislative breakfast and create another one towards the end of 2011. Hopefully hosted by the Rochester School for the Deaf.
- Obtaining new partnerships (e.g. Ad Council)
- Regular monthly meetings and as needed.

3-5 Workgroup – Vickie Follaco

Focus on/continue to facilitate issues that arise in 3-5 system

- Examples include:
 - Autism guidelines
 - Preschool Learning standards
 - 2011 New IEP format – Summary Form
 - Annual Review/Issues
 - Medicaid Impact

Parent Involvement – Jill DeVecchio

- Improve parent access to resource information
- Increase parent input regarding child and family needs
 - Review the Family Considerations and Assessment form
- Increase information available in Spanish – (will work with PAW group on this)

Retention and Recruitment – Chris Hilton

- Complete a capacity plan of current service providers and needs
- Reach out to local colleges
 - Discuss opportunities for students within Birth – 5 special needs population
 - Establish better communication over internship placement
- Reach out to NYS Office of Professions
 - To better understand state plans
 - To hopefully expand scope of programs/degrees to include EI & PSE

Chris - One other announcement – Upcoming event called “Straight Talk About Autism” being held at the National Museum of Play on March 14th. This is a 1-day conference with a cost of \$99.00/person for a parent, family member or fulltime student. There are 300 seats available and it is on a first come basis. Please see flyer.

Next Meeting is April 27, 2011 – Location: Pittsford Library – 24 State Street start @ 10:00am

Other meeting dates: July 27th, and October 26th – Pittsford Library

Meeting adjourned at 12:00noon